

RECOGNIZING THE HONORABLE
ARNOLD M. ALVAREZ-GLASMAN
ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE
MONTEBELLO CITY COUNCIL

HON. ESTEBAN EDWARD TORRES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Sunday, November 9, 1997

Mr. TORRES. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, November 13, 1997, the Honorable Arnold M. Alvarez-Glasman, Montebello City Councilman will be recognized at a special dinner for his 12 years of exemplary service to the residents and businesses of the City of Montebello.

Councilman Alvarez-Glasman, or "Arnie" as he is affectionately known, will conclude his tenure on the Council later this month. First elected to the Council in 1985, he became the youngest Council member in Montebello's 77 year history. Two years later, when selected mayor, Arnie became the City's youngest mayor. He served as mayor on three different occasions, 1987-88, 1991-92 and 1995-96. Arnie has been a tireless advocate for Montebello's DARE education program, after-school child care facilities and the expansion of City facilities to accommodate the community's needs into the 21st century.

In addition to his duties on the Council, Arnie has participated in a variety of youth programs, from coaching little league to teaching high school students about California's legislative system. Having lived in Montebello for over 30 years, Arnie has actively participated in the Montebello Lions, Beverly Hospital Foundation, Montebello Junior Baseball Association, Don Bosco Technical Institute Alumni Association and the California YMCA Youth and Government, Model Legislature and Court Program.

Professionally, as a longtime and distinguished member of the California State Bar, Arnie serves as the City Attorney for the cities of Pomona and South Gate and also as the Agency General Counsel for the Redevelopment Agencies of both cities. He also has represented the cities of Los Angeles, Fullerton and Bradbury as special counsel in land use and related litigation matters. As a founding partner of the Montebello law firm, Alvarez-Glasman & Colvin, he has helped amass an impressive client list, including the cities of Pomona, South Gate, San Fernando, Los Angeles and Chino and the Redevelopment Agencies of Los Angeles, Pomona, Baldwin Park, San Bernardino and South Gate and the counties of Los Angeles, San Bernardino, Fresno, Del Norte, Alameda, Sierra, San Mateo, Kings, Sacramento, San Diego, Sonoma and Imperial.

In 1974, Arnie earned his Bachelor of Arts with Honors in Political Science from California State Polytechnic University at Pomona and in 1977, he graduated with his Juris Doctorate from Loyola University Law School of Los Angeles. Arnie and his lovely wife, Lydia, have two daughters, Shelly and Natalie.

Since 1993, I have had the high honor and distinct pleasure of representing the City of Montebello. During that time, Arnie and I have developed a close working relationship, dealing with and responding to the issues facing Montebello residents and businesses. For 12 years, Arnie's efforts on the Council have been inspired by the principle of selfless and dedicated service to our community. He is the

personification of a true public servant, one who has responded to the call of helping others and ensuring that the future is bright for our children and grandchildren.

As he retires from public office, I am confident that Arnie, however, will not retire from active participation in civic and community activities. Indeed, the residents and businesses of Montebello will not let him. Throughout my tenure in the Congress, I have enjoyed working with Arnie in his official capacity and I look forward to his continued counsel and guidance in the years ahead.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting Councilman Arnold Alvarez-Glasman on his 12 years of devoted and selfless public service to the City of Montebello and in thanking him for a job well done. I also ask my colleagues to wish Councilman Alvarez-Glasman well in his future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO D. KIRK OGLESBY

HON. LINDSEY O. GRAHAM

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GRAHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a dedicated individual from the Third District of South Carolina. Mr. D. Kirk Oglesby, Jr. has been devoted to the administrative medical profession for more than 40 years. His retirement from the Anderson Area Medical Center brings to a close a remarkable career, one that has greatly benefited the city of Anderson and surrounding communities.

Like many in the medical profession, Mr. Oglesby leaves behind a legacy of care and compassion.

Born in Gastonia, NC, Kirk graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Davidson College. From there, he attended Duke University and received his certificate in hospital administration.

Early in his career, Kirk Oglesby developed the family practice residency. This program which meets the primary care needs for many families in the Anderson area, has grown tremendously since its inception in the 1970's.

This year marks 30 years of service to the Anderson Area Medical Center. Throughout his tenure as president, Mr. Oglesby has witnessed the Anderson Area Medical Center change from a primary care hospital into a sophisticated health care system. It has been through his guidance that the hospital is committed to promoting healthy lifestyles among members of the community.

But Kirk Oglesby has served his community in many other ways. He has been a long standing member of the Rotary Club and the Chamber of Commerce. Students at the Clemson University College of Commerce and Industry and the College of Nursing have benefited from the time he has spent with them and his wealth of experience.

His distinguished work with the South Carolina Hospital Association and the American Hospital Association have benefited all Americans as these organizations have worked to make the health care system in the United States the greatest in the world. To his credit, the American Hospital Association bestowed on Kirk their Distinguished Service Award in 1997.

Because of his many achievements and great contributions to his State, in 1993 former

Governor Carroll Campbell awarded him South Carolina's highest civilian award, the Order of the Palmetto.

I am gratified to know that Kirk will stay in Anderson after his retirement and continue to serve his community for many years to come. His service to the people of Anderson and to the Third Congressional District will be both missed and admired for many years to come.

THANKING OUR VETERANS

HON. MAX SANDLIN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SANDLIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to our country's veterans. In less than 2 weeks, most Americans will gather with friends and family to count their blessings and give thanks as we celebrate Thanksgiving. As Americans, we have a great deal to be thankful for: we are in a time of peace; we are living longer, healthier lives than ever before; we have a growing economy and the highest standard of living in the world; and we enjoy civil liberties and civil rights unequalled by any civilization in history. We have much to be thankful for, indeed. But Tuesday—Veterans Day—is also a day of thanksgiving.

November 11 has long been a day of tribute to those who bravely served our country in the Armed Forces, many of whom gave their lives to preserve the freedom we too often take for granted. In 1954, President Eisenhower pronounced November 11 "Veterans Day" to honor the veterans of all American conflicts. Previously, November 11 was known as Armistice Day, a reference to the November 11, 1918, armistice between the Allies and the Central Powers in World War I. For those who endured its horrors, World War I was called the war to end all wars.

Unfortunately, war has continued to be a part of our history, and the tragic list of heroes and heroines has continued to grow with each new conflict: World War II, Korea, Vietnam, and the gulf war. Even in peacetime, many servicemen and servicewomen have died while maintaining our military readiness. As Americans who enjoy freedoms unparalleled on this earth, we are deeply indebted to the more than 600,000 brave men and women who have paid liberty's supreme price in this century, not to mention those who gave their lives in the wars and conflicts of the two previous centuries in our Nation's history.

One way we can repay the debt owed our veterans is by honoring their sacrifice and recognizing that the bounties we enjoy today exist because of that sacrifice. Another is to honor our commitment to provide assistance to our veterans, particularly the disabled or elderly. Many veterans sacrificed opportunities for higher education to serve their country. Others sustained injuries that left them disabled for life. Still others were killed, leaving spouses and young children to fend for themselves. Veterans benefits, such as health care and housing assistance, are a small price to pay in exchange for the security of our way of life.

We can also pay tribute by teaching our children reverence. We should teach them the value of freedom and instill in them an appreciation for the terrible price that so many